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1. WE MET WITH N.H. CALVERT, UNDER SECRETARY, ROAD

SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, ON OCTOBER 16 TO DISCUSS BRITISH RESERVATION ON PROPOSED ROAD SAFETY RESOLUTION. WE TOLD CALVERT WE WERE NOT TRYING TO CHANGE BASIC BRITISH POSITION OPPOSING ADOPTION IN CLAUSE (1)(B) OF A FIXED PERCENTAGE REDUCTION IN DEATH RATE. WE SAID WE WERE CONCERNED, HOWEVER, BY MANNER IN WHICH UK PROPOSED ENTER ITS OBJECTION TO FIXED PERCENTAGE WHEN CCMS PLENARY CONSIDERS ROAD SAFETY RESOLUTION. WE EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN THAT SUBMISSION OF THE LENGTHY, FORMAL WRITTEN RESERVATION THAT UK IS CONSIDERING WOULD HAVE STRONG NEGATIVE IMPACT THAT WOULD DETRACT UNDULY FROM IMPORTANT POSITIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS EMBODIED IN RESOLUTION. WE SAID WE WOULD URGE UK SERIOUSLY TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF RESERVING ON CLAUSE (1)(B). WE THEN PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE OUTLINED PARA 2 REFTTEL.

2. CALVERT LISTENED CAREFULLY AND, WE THOUGHT, WITH SOME SYMPATHY TO OUR PRESENTATION. HE SAID THERE COULD BE NO QUESTION THAT UK REGARDED GOAL OF FIXED PERCENTAGE REDUCTION IN DEATH RATE AS UNACCEPTABLE. NEITHER, HE SAID, COULD THERE BE ANY DOUBT BUT THAT UK CONSIDERED IT NECESSARY TO EXPLAIN FULLY REASONS FOR ITS OBJECTION. HOWEVER, HE SAID, MANNER AND MEANS BY WHICH UK SETS FORTH ITS POSITION WOULD BE RECONSIDERED IN LIGHT OF OUR PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE. CALVERT SAID HE COULD NOT GIVE IMMEDIATE RESPONSE BECAUSE HE WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT WITH OTHERS IN UKG BUT HE PROMISED REPLY BY OCTOBER 18 OR 19.

3. EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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